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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: May 2, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(a): Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 03-51 to authorize entering into an agreement regarding the realignment and future grant of hiking and equestrian trails over a 27 acre open space dedication lot in La Tuna Canyon, Verdugo Hills, City of Los Angeles.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution amending Resolution No. 03-51 to authorize entering into an agreement regarding the realignment and future grant of hiking and equestrian trails over a 27 acre open space dedication lot in La Tuna Canyon, Verdugo Hills, City of Los Angeles

Background: In April 2003, the Governing Board approved the acceptance of a 27 acre open space lot in a development in La Tuna Canyon in the Verdugo mountains. The original approval recognized that one of the City's permit conditions was that the hiking and equestrian trails in the development, including through the open space lot, would be dedicated to and maintained by the City. The tract map shows the initial location of the trail easements.

In the time since the initial action by the Governing Board, it was determined that the location of the proposed trails on the tract map were not feasible. The trails that were actually built do not align with the trails on the tract map. The City is requiring that a new easement that matches up with the trails be transferred to City ownership as a condition of the final approval of the tract map.

The developer, Foxborough Estates 34, and the MRCA are prepared to transfer ownership of the open space lot immediately. The proposed agreement states that the MRCA will agree to grant the easements in question to the City after assuming ownership of the open space lot. The agreement specifically states that the developer and/or the City will cover all costs associated with the transfer of the easements.

A map of the open space lot and the agreement are attached.